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Chair Philip Isenberg and  
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Dear Mr. Isenberg and Members of the Blue Ribbon Task Force:

I am a twelve year resident of the Monterey Peninsula and a current high school teacher in Salinas. I am an avid surfer and frequent hiker in the Big Sur area. I walk the beach from Asilomar Conference Center to Pt. Joe nearly every day with my dog. As an active member of Surfrider, I was encouraged to write you in regards to the Marine Protection Areas and express my thoughts and opinions. I am not a disinterested, unconnected third party, but instead I am the person who sees the ocean and coastline every day and I want it to remain unblemished forever.

The ocean environment should be protected in a coordinated and meaningful way. The laws should be based on good, peer review science. Since the goal is to protect an assemblage of interconnected ecosystems it is critical that they be protected as a whole through marine reserves. Ecologically sensitive areas such as Ano Nuevo, Pt Lobos, and the entire Big Sur coastline should be protected to the fullest extent of the law. What areas that are left along the coast should not be seen as potential sites for new development, but instead as the last hopes for undisturbed, natural environments.

The typical catch phrase for this is to 'protect the natural resource'. The term 'resource' has always disturbed me, because I associate the word with consumption. The California coastline is not something to be consumed, but instead, it should be left alone with the minimal amount of human impact and allowed to just exist and flourish.

Please develop legislation that will do just that.

Sincerely,

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